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Applicant: Sampson, J. Art Unit: 1635
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

This Office Action Response is filed in response to the Office Action mailed May 5, 2004, rejecting claims 1-26.

The following amendments and remarks remove all grounds for rejection of the application, thereby placing it in condition for allowance. The deadline for responding to the Office Action is August 5, 2004. Applicant has requested a three (3) month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) up to and including November 5, 2004. Thus, Applicant submits that the present Response submitted on November 5, 2004 is timely.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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